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SUBJECT: ALLEGATION THAT U.S. NOT INTERESTED IN COPPER AGREEMENT

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1. LOCAL PRESS, INCLUDING JULY 19 EDITION F OFFICIAL AGENCE ZAIR PRESS, GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO RECENT ARTICLE IN BELGIAN NEWSPAPER "L'ECHO DE LA BOURSE" WHICH ALLEGES THAT THE UNITED STATES CONSIDERS THAT ITS PARTICIPATION IN AN INTERNATIONAL COPPER AGREEMENT WOULD BE DIFFICULT AND FRUITLESS.

2. BELGIAN ARTICLE BASED ITS CONCLUSION UPON CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY BY TREASURY DEPUTY SECRETARY GERALD PARSKY AND QUOTES HIM WITH REFERENCE TO COPPER, LEAD, ZINC AND IRON ORE AS STATING "FOR US, SUCH AGREEMENTS CONSTITUTE AN INEFFICIENT METHOD OF RESOURCE TRANSFER AND, CONSEQUENTLY, ARE BURDENSOME". ARTICLE IS FAIRLY STRAIGHTFORWARD OPINION BUT ZAIRIAN HEADLINES RUN FLATLY. "US OPPOSED TO MEETING OF COPPER PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS" AND THAT IS IMPRESSION LEFT BEHIND. ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF GISCARD VISIT AND HIS PROPOSAL FOR COPPER PRODUCER/ CONSUMER MEETING. AUGUST 22, BISENGIMANA (DIRECTOR OF THE GOZ PRESIDENCY) MENTIONED ARTICLE TO CHARGE AND ASKED WHAT
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THE U.S. POSITION WAS CONCERNING A COPPER PRODUCER/CONSUMER

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3. UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON HAS TOLD THE ZAIRIAN CHARGE THAT AS DIALOGUE PROCEEDED ALONG LINES INDICATED STATE REFTEL, HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THERE WOULD BE FULL OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER HOW THE INDUSTRIAL NATIONS WOULD WORK WITH ZAIRE AND OTHER COPPER PRODUCERS TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS INVOLVING THAT COMMODITY, AND WE HAVE REPEATED THAT MESSAGE HERE. (KINSHASA 7135). HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF EXTREM IMPORTANCE WHICH GOZ ATTACHES TO COPPER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY MATERIAL WHICH WE COULD USE TO REASSURE ZAIRIANS THAT WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT PROBLEMS OF COPPER PRODUCERS. SUCH REASSURANCES MIGHT BE IN FORM SUITABLE FOR PRESS HANDOUT OR ANOTHER PRIVATE MESSAGE SIMILAR TO UNDER SECRETARY ROBINS'S OR BOTH. WALKER

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